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**SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP
CIENFUEGOS BAY, CUBA
22-08N 080-27W**

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REFERENCE TO:

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THE SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP (SSESS), KOSMONAUT VLADIMIR KOMAROV, AT ANCHOR AT THE 4-POINT MOORING SITE, CIENFUEGOS BAY, CUBA.

2. LOCATION:

CIENFUEGOS BAY IS ON THE SOUTHERN COAST OF CUBA AT 22-08N 080-27W. THE 4-POINT MOORING SITE IS LOCATED IN THE LOWER BAY APPROXIMATELY 1 NM NORTH OF CAYO ALCATRAZ.

3. MISSION READOUT:

THE SSESS WAS OBSERVED AT THE MOORING SITE AND WAS SECURED BY A LINE TO EACH OF THE FOUR BUOYS. IT WAS ALIGNED ON A HEADING

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4. REMARKS/COLLATERAL:

THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP IS TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC SCIENTIFIC DATA TO MOSCOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER ORBITAL TRANSFER IN A SOVIET SPACE SHOT. THE SSESS KOMAROV IS CAPABLE OF COMMUNICATING WITH MOSCOW VIA THE MOLNIYA COMMUNICATIONS RELAY SATELLITE, AND IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH DEEP-SPACE COMMAND AND TRACKING APPARATUS.

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THE SLESS KOMAROV WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN THE CARIBBEAN

[REDACTED] DURING 1968 AND 1969 THE SLESS 25X1

VISITED HAVANA PORT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. IT WAS

OBSERVED AT CIENFUEGOS PORT [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] THE SHIP PARTICIPATED IN A LUNA 25X1

RETRIEVAL MISSION ON OR ABOUT [REDACTED]. IT DEPARTED 25X1

HAVANA PORT [REDACTED] AND ARRIVED AT CIENFUEGOS 25X1

PORT AT 0200 HOURS LOCAL TIME [REDACTED] 25X1

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ENLARGEMENT FACTOR: 50X

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